

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1, 4-8, 11, 12, 15-18, 23 and 24 have all been allowed in the Notice of Allowance, dated December 12, 2006. The present amendment merely amends claims 8, 12, 17 and 18 to include the recitations of allowed dependent claims 19, 20, 21 and 22, respectively, which have now been cancelled. Accordingly, the present amendment does not broaden the scope of any of the allowed claims and, in fact, narrows the scope of allowed claims 8, 12, 17 and 18.

Since the amended claims in the present amendment do not require an additional search or examination, it is requested that this amendment be approved by the Examiner.

The issue and publication fees for this application are being paid concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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